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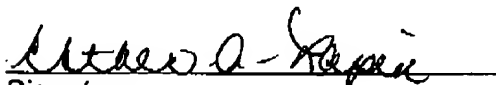
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In re patent application of: ) Date: June 10, 2005  
 Frederick W. Ryan, Jr., et al. ) Attorney Docket No.: E-962  
 Serial No.: 09/938,158 ) Customer No.: 00919  
 Filed: August 23, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 3627  
 Confirmation No.: ) Examiner:  
 Title: SECURE TAX METER AND CERTIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER  
 CENTER FOR COLLECTING SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON  
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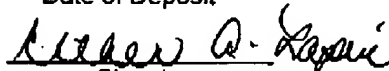
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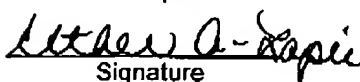
In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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